(b) the total revenue received from these challans; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred in towing away the vehincles duirng last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) The requisite information is given below :

Year	Number of vechicles challaned	Compounding fee realised
1994	14,03,533	Rs. 12,18,44,774
1995	13,28,300	Rs. 11,11,50,200

(c) Information is being collected.

[English]

Floriculture Centre

3198. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for sanction of a model floriculture centre at Hyderabad in view of a large number of foreign collaborations for floriculture in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Government of India has sanctioned setting up of a Model Floriculture Centre in the State of Andhra Pradesh at a total cost of Rs. 57.50 lakhs, under the Central Secror Scheme on commercial Floriculture. The Centre would serve as the focal unit for floriculture development in the state and will undertake collection, multiplication and distribution of quality planting material of improved varieties; laying out demonstrations on new technologies and training of farmers/entrepreneur on various aspects related to production and post harvest management of flower crops.

Conversion into Broad-Gauge Lines

3199. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to consider the conversion of Hospet-Guntakal Metre Gauge railway line into Broad Gauge during the next two years;

(b) if so, the estimated cost thereof;

(c) if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) the expected time by which the said line would be converted into Broad Gauge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. The doubling of Guntakal-Hospet section, by conversion of the existing metre gauge line, has been included in the Budget, 1996-97.

(b) Rs. 105.77 crores.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The work is likely to be completed in the Ninth Plan period.

[Translation]

Use of Insecticides

3200. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that the excessive use of insecticide results in the loss of resistance power of the human beings;

(b) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to ban the excessive use of insecticides; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. Some National and International studies have revealed possible linkage between exposure to pesticides and the immune system in human being thereby decreasing resistance potential.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. To decrease dependence on excessive use of pesticides, the Government is promoting Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for control of crop-pests. IPM approach relies on exploitation of natural biocontrol potential having blend of non-chemical approaches viz., cultural mechanical, use of botanicals like neem-based pesticides and biocides. This eco-friendly IPM programme is being taken up at an cutlay of Rs. 45 crores during the VIII Plan period. So far 12,245 Agriculture Extension Officers and 77,556 farmers have acquired IPM skill resulting in decreasing pesticide use trend in the country.

Disruption on Rail Route

3201. SHRI DINESH CHAND YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rail services were disrupted on Nairmali-Bhaptipahi rail route due to the damage caused by the floods in the Kosi river during 1944;

(b) if so, whether the Government have formulated any scheme for its reconstruction;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) if so, the concrete steps taken to remove the difficulties of the passengers; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f). It has been decided to take up survey for restoration of the line. Further consideration of the project will be possible once the survey report becomes available.

[English]

Inferior Quality of Fertilizers

3202. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is hue and cry amongst the farmers in Jabalpur of Madhya Pradesh regarding the sale of inferior quality of fertilizers by the traders; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to provide the standard quality of fertilizers to the farmers and bring to book the traders involved in the sale of inferior quality of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir. However, during the course of regular quality control checking, some lots of Super-Phosphate and DAP were found non-standard with the local traders in Jabalpur.

(b) State Authorities have published an appeal in local Newspaper on 26.6.96, not to purchase non-standard fertilisers from the offending local dealers. The non-standard stock has been banned and the Certificates of Registration of the dealers have been suspended. State Government has also issued instructions to their quality control enforcement offices regarding strict implementation of quality control measures.

Decontrol of Drugs

3203. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee appointed by the Government to decide the issue of decontrol of nineteen bulk drugs has urged to change the terms of reference so that criteria for price control applies equally to all the drugs;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the equest;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) The Committee, which was appointed by the Government to look into the matters related to representations received in regard to inclusion/exclusion of drugs from price control, did not urge the Government for any change in the terms of reference.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

(d) As at present, the term of the Committee stands expired on 30th April, 1996.

[Translation]

Dairy Projects under NDDB

3204. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH :
SHRIMATI BHAVNABEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :
SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN :
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :

Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the project run by the National Dairy Development Board for the development of dairy sector, State-wise;

(b) the financial assistance made available to the Cooperative Societies in each State for dairy development by the Board during each of the last three year, State-wise;

(c) whether the NDDB proposes to set up more dairy projects in various parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the locations proposed therefor a long with the expenditure to be incurred in the each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) was implementing Operation Flood-III (O.F. - III) Project for dairy development. The Project has come to a close on 31.12.1995 but reimbursements from World Bank for the expenditure committee upto 31.12.1995 were available upto 30.4.1996.

(b) A Statement indicating State-wise release of funds by NDDB under O.F. III Project during each of the last three years is attached.

(c) and (d). Additional Dairy projects in the country would be financed by the NDDB from its own resources on the basis of the merit of each proposal. At present NDDB has not received any proposal.